

In the Specification

Please amend paragraph 00316 at pages 65-66, as follows.

FIG. 28B is a diagram that illustrates a switch 2800B having slots 2852, 2854 coupled through five cross points (sXPNTs) 2856A-E to a slot ~~2852~~ 2858 according to the present invention. Slot ~~2852~~ 2858 includes a set of sync-receive queues or FIFOs 2860. Serial link 2853 couples slot 2852 and cross point 2856A. Serial link 2857 couples cross point 2856A and slot 2858. Slots 2852, 2854 are also referred to as slot 0 and slot 1, respectively, and slot 2858 is also referred to as slot 2. For clarity, only ~~two~~ three slots are shown in this example; however, additional slots can be added.

Please amend the Abstract, as follows.

~~BACKPLANE INTERFACE ADAPTER WITH ERROR CONTROL AND~~

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A backplane interface adapter with error control and redundant fabric for a high-performance network switch. The error control may be provided by an administrative module that includes a level monitor, a stripe synchronization error detector, a flow controller, and a control character presence tracker. The redundant fabric transceiver of the backplane interface adapter improves the adapter's ability to properly and consistently receive receive narrow input cells carrying packets of data and output wide striped cells to a switching fabric.